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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
NAOTO OHTA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: BEST, Z.  
SERIAL NO: 10/501,333 :  
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FOR: NEGATIVE ELECTRODE :  
MATERIAL FOR LITHIUM ION  
SECONDARY BATTERY

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.